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Preface

In this short book, I compiled some essays on contemporary philosophy that matters all of us living in the east and west. There is no denying the fact that every species lives comfortably when it is in its suitable natural niche. Humankind requires another niche pertaining to its societal status. This is behavioral niche. I have discussed this in brief in the first chapter.

Humankind also needs to create a society which will fulfill its increasing necessities. This is achieved by creation of a knowledge based society. I have written a few words about necessity and requirements for this to be done.

Then, I have discussed at length the ultimate truth about us. That is that worshiping a Cerator God is a must. I have discussed about whether such an Al-Mighty God exists. I have put forward some proofs behind the manifest truth about the existence of Al-Mighty God.

Thereafter, I have engaged on a discussion about the question of God's might. The question in particular is

whether God is capable of doing anything. In particular, is He capable of creating another God? I have proved that this question is ill-posed and can be ruled out at once.

I wish the reader a happy reading. May the reader be benefitted from his reading of this short book.

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Chapter 1

Preservation of Behavioral Niche

It is well known that every species on earth requires a natural environment to live comfortably. This comfortable and necessary environment is called a niche. The Almighty Creator provided every species a special natural niche. It is incumbent upon man not to destroy any niche of any animal or insect as long as that specific animal or insect do not harm other inhabitants of earth. This is a moral ordainment upon man by God. This obligation directs us not to destroy Sundarban, Lowwachara or other natural forests where particular kinds of species find home. In this way, it is a natural obligation to man to keep empty grasslands near a village or town where many cows, horses, goats live so that those animals find sustenance roaming over the grasslands.

Human requires a special kind of natural niche. This point needs not much discussion. We learn this requirement from our infancy. We need cosy house, cosy clothes, nutritious food and a friendly society. We also need advanced educational environment for education and hospitals for our healing of diseases. All

these and some other facilities produce human natural niche.

What about our mental health? Does this not require a good environment for our anxiety-less living? Yes, it requires a good and morally high impact environment to live a good life. When mental health degrades and events like eve-teasing and rape rise, we must think of another niche which we require. This is the “behavioral niche”. Human, from tender age, should learn how to behave and that mode of behavior should be maintained by producing and maintaining a behavioral niche. We should not do anything that harm ourselves, even not an animal be harmed by us. We should restrain ourselves from spying, back biting, misery, sexual sins and many other acts that are termed as bad and which ensues from our evil desires. To shun evil desires requires knowledge of what is evil and what is good. Ordinarily, in a healthy society, there are more good than evil. But when children are not given proper education and proper training they fail to differentiate between good and evil. Maintaining more good than evil in a human society produces a “behavioral niche”

where man can live comfortably and in a state free of anxiety.

I hope the reader has understood what I conveyed in this short essay. This is of utmost importance to produce and maintain a healthy and good behavioral niche in this era and in this society of Bangladesh.

Chapter 2

Necessity of and requirements for creating knowledge based society

Human are homo sapiens, that is, entities with intellect. Man becomes man only when he uses his intellect. One lives comfortably and satisfactorily when his intellectual activities are matured and advanced. No doubt economically solvent people are the ones who live a good life. But economics depends on mens ability to earn. One earns more, in our society, when he corrupts himself. This is a fact of our society which needs no elaboration to understand. But corruption is not commendable by law and by also religion. So, not corruption but lawful income is the prime goal of a healthy society. Lawful incomes in the past were dependent on agriculture and animal husbandry. But because of the boom in number of citizens, much of the agricultural lands is lost and gone into housing. Animal husbandry has also suffered loss. So, lawful income has now shifted to industry.

Industry depends on machineries. In our country now there are many garment factories, many textiles and other small industries like shoe making, growing tea

plants etc. For these industries, the machineries are not built in our country. Maximum of these are imported and maintenance of those require foreign experts. These activities swallow huge currency and we fail to become economically mature and advanced. Here lies the necessity to create a society of ours which is knowledge based society.

Knowledge of and expertise of producing heavy machinery should be abundant in our country. This requires knowledge of our own. The question is where from we would get this knowledge?

Surely, we shall get the knowledge from educational institutions of which the highest are universities.

Our policy to educate the citizens of the country now a days is little bit wrong. Little now, but it was heavily wrong in the past. The government should pay attention to strengthen education of which there we two sides. One is teaching and the other is research. To produce highly and technologically advanced citizens, research and then teaching should be sound, accessible and abundantly funded. Examples are there in the world that low income country like South Korea,

Malaysia have become advanced countries by only paying attention to teaching, learning and research. There is no gain-saying the fact that funding in this sector will produce desirable advance. Verily, funding in education is fruitful.

The second point I would like to raise is that the tax policy of our country is little bit offset. This is so because money is flowing upwards day by day. A few rich are getting richer. Poor and middle income people of the society are losing opportunity to possess wealth. In my opinion, this can be stopped by taking proportionately more tax from the rich and giving ease to the middle income people. The lower boundary of tax-free income should be raised to a high level. Presently, it is quarter million BDT. But in my opinion this should be raised to one million and tax rate for income above that should be higher than that is now practiced. This point has a rationale. Education day by day is becoming costly. And mostly, students from middle income families go for higher education. If middle income people find constriction in their wealth, their children would not find well education. There is

also another reason why middle income people should get ease.

Education, research depends on intellect. And intellect blooms when life is easy. This point is obvious. So, when middle-income people would be able to provide their children cozy environment, then more and more citizen would become technologically and intellectually advanced.

My last point is concerned with universities. Universities should be universal and well-funded and Professors of universities should be abundantly funded with research fund. And at the same time more and more elderly Professors should be kept in service after their usual retirement. This is because it is a proven fact that elderly research Professors can guide many students at a time and at the same time, since there knowledge is ripe, they are able to produce advanced knowledge.

What has been discussed so far falls within the premise of the title of this article. I hope my readers will ponder over the points I have put forward.

Chapter 3

Dialectic and Historical Materialism: A Critique

Marx and Angles produced the most profound idea, namely, dialectic materialism. That is, matter has inherent in it two aspects and those two aspects continuously are in fight. This fight produces new kinds of matter and the material world progress from naive to complex. I do not oppose this idea, rather I buy this. In the Eighteenth century Shah Wali Ullah Dehlovi said the same thing in his book **Huzzatulahil Baliga.**

This book is one of the leading philosophical discourse on Islam. Shah (R.A) wrote that from collision and fighting of two bodies a third body is produced. That body can be an inert matter, or an intellectual entity or an angel. So, Dialectic Materialism is not only property of West, it is also property of the East, namely, Islam.

On the other hand, there is dialectics in History. History advanced through clash between sacts,

between rich and the poor, etc. This historic materialism incited V. I. Lenin to lead a revolution in Russia, the revolution that ousted Jar of Russia and Lenin had become supreme power in the Soviet Union.

I shall put forward following Fayerbakh a third category of dialectic. This is dialectic in idealism. What Lenin did is known to all learned people. He, when in power, acquired may countries in the periphery of Russia and he banned religion and none was able to practice openly their religion. Islam was not spared in these activities of Lenin. Hence, a dialect is openly seen. Men of different religion were made to fight one another. In the contrary they should have lived in a congenial environment.

What I know of history, history advanced in two ways:
(1) Clash between the rich and the poor, and

(2) Clash between every two sects of ideal. The second of these is Historical idealism.

Many people do not believe in Prophets. Bertrand Russel was one among them. But whatever goodness prevails in society are the fruits of their teachings. Not

all Prophets taught the same thing and in the same way. Our Prophet (PBUH) taught the profound matter in human life. This is character. Yes, he (PBUH) was a Man of good conduct, good manners. Even enemies joined his mission by looking at his conduct. When RasulAllah ((PBUH) migrated from Mecca to Medina, he at first lived for a few days in the suburb of Medina. His first preaching there was three commands. These are (i) You spread the practice of giving Salam to one another, (this way your enmity will go away), (ii) feed the poor (this is required because humankind is a single nation) (iii) pray at the late night, (this will bind you with your Lord).

Such profound teaching cannot issue from an ordinary teacher or philosopher. That is, a great wisdom is behind such preaching. That wisdom is the wisdom of God, whom we call by the name Allah. Yes, Allah is the Creator and He bestows all good and all beneficial wisdom. None can deny the existence of Allah. Those who deny Allah's existence are ignorant from top to bottom.

Scientists do not reveal anything that is hidden but they reveal only open things. What seems as hidden to us, is not hidden if someone finds it. The true hidden things

are those which none can reveal except whom Allah permits. The Prophets and Messengers found religions all of which are revealed by Allah. They conveyed revelation. Those revelations truly are hidden from all, but except that portion which Allah revealed to the Prophets and the Messengers.

The hidden knowledge when reached ordinary people, they failed to accept. This is because the teachings of the Prophets push the people to a very hard life. This is the life of piety and hardship. It also requires submission of will to Allah and doing things according to the decree of Allah. Allah's decree is not easy to follow. Good character and conduct and leaving aside of all kinds of amusements and distractions are not easy for ordinary people. So, ordinary people denied the Prophets. They came into a clash. It is a clash between the goodly and godly, and the bad. So, dialectic originated from this clash between idealism preached by the Prophets and the ignorant of religion. These ignorant people wanted to enjoy only this life. So, historical materialism is fully true. The other half is historical dialectic idealism. This dialect is not between the poor and the rich or not between the kings and the citizens.

It is a dialect between the idea of a Al-Powerful God and the idea of no God. History reveals that there have been many wars and battles between these two groups that begun at the very dawn of civilization.

Now, I return to Marxism. Marxism is new religion. It is a religion of preaching the idea that this life is the only life and there is no Creator. But the state formed upon this idea, that is, Soviet Union, failed to maintain their integrity because their idea is wrong. No society can sustain upon falsehood. Falsehood fades away very easily and very early. Soviets are now shattered and fifteen states are there that came into operation which were independent before the communist revolution.

This fact alone conveys the message that Marxism is a false idea and it has no basis. True historical dialect is a battle between the idea of a Al-Mighty Creator and the idea of a world void of any God. But what we find from dialect? The godly people won the battle always. Such is the message we get from history. In the present world, we are seeing clashes between economies. This is another form of dialect.

Here, the rich are gaining. But, very soon we will see that the poor will gain the battle. This is because the economical clash originated from injustice. This

injustice is an open fact. Every with little knowledge will admit that the present day clash between the rich countries and the poor countries is based on trade of goods. The poor make the goods and they are paid a very little salary.

The rich enjoy the fruits of the hardship of the poor. This cannot continue. Very soon this clash will give rise to another economic war in which the poor will win. This is my prophecy. You may agree or not, that is yours discretion.

Chapter 4

On the Existence of God

There are no reasons to be atheistic or agnostic. There are plenty of proofs that a God who cares for us exist. In this short essay I shall briefly discuss those proofs. The first proof is the most profound and hard to understand. This is based on an argument not easy to follow. This is as follows:

“The more manifest one thing is,

The more hidden it is.”

Say, you. What are you and where do your self resides. You can say I reside in my brain. But this statement is wrong. You may say I reside in my heart. This also is false. You may argue but you will not be able to locate your self. But are you not manifest. We see you and know you. You are more manifest than your organs. But your self is hidden. In this may, you find a logic that the more manifest is more hidden.

Say, the Sun. What we see is the rays of Sun that emanates from Sun. Sun is not what we see. But in the morning and evening the Sun is less hidden and more manifest. But the Sun is more manifest at the noon, but it is also this time when the Sun is most hidden. One cannot gaze toward the Sun at this period of noon time but during this time we feel the Sun more and more.

So, we have got another way of proving the logic.

This is the first piece of logic that God is the most manifest and therefore, He is the most hidden .God is manifest by the materials of this Universe. Every star or galaxy is glowing with manifest light. Who is behind this light? Yes, God, who created these. All entities of the Universe is one or another kind of light. This light is the light like the light Sun emanates. This light is showing the reason that it is not by itself exist. Its existence is due to God. Thus, the creator is manifest by His creations. Creation is enormous in number, kind and forms, and nature and behavior. So, the light that is emanating from God is enormous. This untolerable and enormous light hides its cause, the God. God is hidden by His light. So, in the Universe God is the most manifest and thus He is the most hidden. None can deny this logic and therefore, cannot deny the existence of God.

The second piece of logic is that where there is smoke there is fire. The fire produces smoke. One who do not realize that fire is the cause of smoke, cannot understand why God should exist. The Universe is like smoke. The fire is the cause of that smoke and that fire is not anything but the Creator of fire, who is our Allah.

The third piece of information which proves that God is there, is that we have seen in the history books that there came Prophets in every nation. Those Prophets were the most purified pious and great men. They preached religion, based on a truth that Allah exists.

Allah is the creator of all mankind, jinnkind, animalkind, and inert things. He is supreme in power, creativity, variety and compassion. He cares for us. Do you not see that every afflicted man finds peace in the remembrance of God. God heals the wounds of a wounded person. God solaces the aggrieved and He gives light to the heart of the friends of Him. Truly speaking, in the remembrance of Allah there is peace and satisfaction. If I love Him, He loves me. If I go astray, He punishes me.

Thus, Allah is not oblivions of us. He loves us, cares for us. This is the fourth peace of information that shows that Allah, the Al-Kind God exist.

Allah sent the lost Messengger Muhammad (PBUH) with His Book Al-Quran. Muhammad (PBUH) was the most respected person in his time. He was full of all kinds of good characters. He was a leader but he was a leader of the aggrieved- He was not fond of amusements. He was full of

piety, justice, compassion, bravity, free of greed and miserly. He preached that God, Allah, sent him with the message that there is no deity but Allah. Poletheism, atheism, agnostism all are false. Truth is that there is only one God, that is Allah. So, we should worship Him and Hin alone. By worshiping Him truthfully, we shall attain a blissfull second life. That life is the life of the Hereafter. He, the Messenger (PBUH), said that there is Paradise and Hell-fire. The worshippers of Allah will find themselves in paradise and all who denies the existence of Allah or worship many gods will go to hell-fire.

So, to free ourselves from the torments of hell-fire, we should admit that there is no god except Allah. He is One and the only God. We should worship Him and Him alone and follow the commands of Allah and His Messenger (PBUH).

In this way, we shall be among the victorious. Victory, in true sense, lies in the gain of a blissful life in the hereafter. That victory will be yours and mine. May Allah bestow mercy upon us.

Chapter 5

On the Question of God's Might

1. Introduction

Nowadays, a popular question posed by the atheists is, “If God is Al-Mighty, can He create another God?” In other words, the atheist circle presents a challenge to God and His devotees. The challenge is, “O God (and His devotees), if you are Al-Mighty then show us the proof of your being Al-Mighty by creating another God like you”. As a devotee to Islamic God, Allah, I take this challenge and I am going to prove that indeed Allah is Al-Mighty.

2. God’s Might

By the Holy Quran we have learned and by Quran we judge and by Quran we are guided. In the Holy Quran, Allah Al-Mighty is telling us:

“Of Him do beg all that are in the heavens and the Earth. Every day He reveals Himself in a different state.” (Al Quran 55:29).

Now remember well that in created existence there nothing except the heavens and the Earth. And all there

are in the heavens and the Earth are dependent on Allah. Only Allah is totally Independent. He says:

“Blessed is He in Whose hand is the kingdom and He has power over all things.” (Al Quran 67:01).

That is, He can create whatever He wishes, even another God. But that God is not God, because that God is a creation. True God is not a creation. True God exists from past eternity to future eternity and that true God is Absolute in His power, Might and Kingship.

3. Allah’s Attributes

Allah Al-Mighty is saying:

“Allah, the Independent, the Absolute and the Eternal.” (Al Quran 112:02).

God, who is Al-Mighty and at the same time, the Sovereign King, rules over all. If He creates another God, He will rule over that created God also. So, the created God would not be able to call himself as God, rather will be called ‘a god’.

4. The Question is Ill-posed

Now, do you think that in your mind you are clear of the concept of God and god? If you know clearly the distinction between God and god, why are you asking for such a matter to be settled by another person, rather than answering yourself? You are not true in your reasoning. You should ask a question like this, "Can there be two God's at the same time? If yes, who is the true Al-Mighty?" Know that if Allah chooses to co-exist with another God, He will lack in His Kingship. But He is the Absolute Ruler. He cannot co-exist with another God for His own attribute. What if another God exists from pre-eternity? Will Allah tolerate that God? No. One God has to perish. The attributes of true God are such that He will rule over all except Him. So, the question that can God create another God is ill-posed. The valid question is whether two Gods can co-exist. The answer to this question is 'no'. Allah destroys every other appearing God by His Might and proves His Might. The Universe is definitely giving indications that there is God, Allah and He is 'One'. No other God can come to exist with Allah by Allah's

not being weak. Allah is Al-Moghty and He destroys every other possible God.

5. Conclusion

The challenge posed by atheists circle is not strong at all. Every such atheistic challenge has been overcome by Islamic scholars in the past. The fact is that the atheists are not reasonable and they cannot pose questions that have validity. But their present question was a little bit witty but again lacking merit. Actually, the question of whether God can create another God is ill-posed. The valid question is whether two Gods can co-exist. The Universe truly proves that there is only one God. Two Gods cannot co-exist by every God's own attributes. True God is a Sovereign Ruler. By His Sovereignty, Allah alone is of tryue absolute power and might, and He alone exists as God.

Another such question was posed by B. Russel. He questioned: "If everything has to have a cause behind, then what is the cause behind God's existence?" This question is also faulty. Know that only temporal things need cause behind. A thing or phenomenon which has a beginning at a particular time needs to be caused by

another agent. For this being the fact, the Universe, since it has a beginning, is caused by another agent. That agent is God Al-Mighty. God Al-Mighty has no beginning; He is eternal and hence, for His existence, He alone is the sufficient cause. He is the Sufficient Entity. All other existing matter and life are insufficient and need to be caused.

Chapter 6

Summary

In this short book, I have discussed about some matters that concern all of us.

We live in a society of decline. Values are declining, character of people especially the young people are not what it should be. To live comfortably and free of anxiety, we need a society that healthy in all aspects. This requires restoring old customs and religious values. Yes, people will enjoy their life, but it is to be as per the societal norm. Societal norms are formed in our country according to religion. Be it Islam or Hinduism, it does not allow free mixing and open lewdness shown by male and female. Male and female are to live a little isolated and distant. When the society in this regard is fully open, then incidents like eve-teasing and rape increases.

In our country, rape has risen to an alarming state. To stop this, we should build a niche which is called "behavioral niche", which guarantees that behavior of all people be within a limit of a threshold. That threshold is dictated by religion. Islam and even Hinduism is strict about free mixing of male and female. Also showing respect to the elderly, the leaders

and teachers is among this. Everyone will behave in such a way that it does not break the rules set by Islam and Hinduism. This way the behavioral niche will remain intact and we will live comfortably and free of anxiety.

Today's world is very advanced. In this advanced world, we have to survive by fighting with one another with knowledge. Knowledge will provide the necessary tools and industries where exportable goods will be made. By export we have to earn for what we need to import. Therefore, knowledge is desirable. We have to build a knowledge based society.

People are nowadays inclined to not to worship one God. Worshipping the One God gives one the comfort and peace of mind. This peace is a necessity for a healthy life. We should find in our heart the assurance that God exists and He cares for us. To make that state we should learn the logics that provide proofs of God's existence. I have given several proofs in this book in favor of God's existence.

Naughty people are nowadays raising question about the might of Al-Mighty Allah. They deride and mock

pious people. This should be stopped. In this regard, I have given a proof that their question is ill-posed and the question that can God make another God can be ruled out at once. God, Allah, is surely Al-Mighty. He can do whatever He wills. But why He should create another God? Even if He creates another God, that created God will not be Sovereign. Thus, the question about God's might is a question of the poor brain. I feel pity for those people who indulge in such questions.